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NO BAND CONTEST

Says the Labor Day Committee of the Trades Assembly.

IT WAS TOO LARGE A CONTRACT

BY FAR, AND SEEMED TO BE GROWING AT AN ALARMING RATE AS LABOR DAY APPROACHED—SOME INTERESTING REMARKS AT THE COMMITTEE MEETING—A SHORT SESSION OF THE OHIO VALLEY TRADES ASSEMBLY.

The principal business transacted yesterday afternoon at the meeting of the Ohio Valley Trades & Labor Assembly's committee on Labor Day celebration, was the decision to dispense with the proposed band contest. When this attraction was proposed, it was believed that the bands would fall over each other in their eagerness to enter the contest, and the idea of out-of-town bands asking the committee to pay their transportation and other expenses wasn't thought of. Well, the bands do not appear to have shown any desire to enter a contest, with one or two exceptions, and those from other towns wanted their expenses paid. It looked as though it would cost several hundred dollars to push the thing through to success, so the committee decided to drop it.

In the discussion on this matter, it was said only one or two of the Wheeling bands would enter; the others, with their well known ability to chase the "Almighty Dollar" referred the committee to their card rates.

One committeeman inquired how the contest would be decided—was a march to be attached to each horn to ascertain which band "blowed" hardest? Nobody seemed able to answer the question.

As the discussion progressed members of the committee said real unkind things about the bands of Wheeling in general and in particular as well. One committeeman said:

"Some of these Wheeling bands will play free in front of saloons for the glass of beer they'll get, but they won't enter this contest without being paid to enter. Why not?"

"We have no beer," was the response of an associate on the committee.

It was reported that no bids had yet been received for the Labor Day programme concession.

Mr. Egger gave some valuable information on Labor Day celebrations. He has served for the last nine years on the Labor Day committee in Chicago. He suggested a stogie making contest on the grounds, but Chairman Riley said Uncle Sam wouldn't allow it. In Chicago, however, the principal attraction on Labor Day is a speech by some labor leader of national reputation. In this connection it was decided to communicate with Eugene V. Debs and invite him to deliver an address here next month at the Labor Day celebration.

Meister's band was engaged for the concert on Labor Day. The committee adjourned to meet again next Sunday afternoon, when the entire Labor Day programme will be definitely decided upon.

TRADES ASSEMBLY

Held a Short Session Sunday Afternoon. Little Business Done.

A regular bi-weekly meeting of the Ohio Valley Trades and Labor Assembly was held yesterday afternoon, President Riley in the chair, and a small attendance of delegates.

Francis A. Egger, of Chicago, an official of the International Bartenders' League, was present and explained his work. He is here to organize a local union of bartenders.

The delegates of the painters' union reported the trouble in Kurner's shop, which has already been chronicled in the Intelligencer. Mr. Kurner's letter to the assembly was read; he expressed the hope that the trouble would be speedily settled; he had agreed to submit the differences to disinterested arbitration, but the painters had declined. The matter was referred back to the painters' union, and if a settlement is not arrived at, the assembly arbitration committee will take a hand.

An appeal for aid was received from Washington (D. C.) labor people, who were being prosecuted for conspiracy by the employer against whom they had instituted a strike. The secretary was instructed to transmit the appeal to the several local unions.

A motion to "lift" two Assembly boycotts was defeated.

The following new delegates were admitted and obligated:

National Tobacco Workers' Union No. 2—Edward Diltmore.
Painters and Decorators' Union No. 31—Harry Kurner.

FROM FAR-AWAY HAWAII

Another Letter from Young Tinker, of the Astor Mountain Battery.

PACIFIC OCEAN, on board United States transport Newport, July 8, a. m.

I dropped you a postal from San Francisco as we were leaving. We are now about 260 miles from Honolulu. The first day out we had very rough weather and most of us got pretty seasick. We are on the ship with General Merritt and 500 heavy artillerymen, Companies K and H, California regulars, so you see there are no other volunteers among us. We expect to reach Honolulu to-night and to remain two or three days.

We are setting up a base ball team to play a team in Honolulu, as the captain of the ship says they have a good team there. Yesterday the piston rod of the ship's engine broke and we had to stop about six hours to fix it. We passed the time watching the sharks swim about the boat. One of the fellows borrowed a large hook from one of the sailors and made a line out of a three-inch rope and proceeded to try his luck shark fishing. He succeeded in getting three out of water, all of which were over six feet in length. This caused a good deal of fun for all of us on account of the novelty of shark fishing.

We have had fine weather ever since the first day out, which the captain said was the roughest he had ever seen on the Pacific.

I am writing this on the deck of the boat. Every few minutes I look up only to see a broad expanse of blue water. We have now been on the ocean a week and have not even seen another vessel. Our send off at San Francisco was a fine one. Tugs escorted us away out into the bay with whistles tooting, cannon firing from on shore, etc. It is quite an honor to be on the same boat with the governor of the Philippines. We will be there when they are first formally declared American possessions.

HONOLULU, H. I., July 7.—Well, we arrived in the harbor early this a. m. and we received permission to come ashore. I am writing this in the senate chamber of the government building. The grounds about it are the most beautiful I have ever seen. Gorgeous plants, immense palms, etc., and on the

lawn the ladies have a grand feast spread for us, of which we will partake in about an hour, as it is now only 11 o'clock a. m. Along the streets are some very fine houses with beautiful grounds and fine yards, so abounding with tropical flowers it almost makes you stagger. I wouldn't mind living here. There is quite a settlement of Americans. We will probably be here several days.

All we have to do to mail our letters here is to take them upstairs and they stamp them.

I want to get around and see something of the town.

GEORGE K. TINKER.

WITH THE IMMUNES.

Ben Honecker Writes of Life at Fredericksburg, Va.

The following letter from Camp Cobb, Fredericksburg, Va., where Company G, Captain Froeseheim, of the Fourth U. S. Imunes, is stationed, will be of interest. It is from Ben Honecker, one of the many Wheeling boys in the company. It follows:

CAMP COBB, FREDERICKSBURG, Va., July 23, 1898.

One of the most notable social events which has occurred in Fredericksburg in many years took place last night at the Opera House. It was a military ball given by the commissioned officers of the regiment. The invited guests consisted of some of the most prominent families of Fredericksburg.

Thursday afternoon the cook house of Company B caught fire and was almost burned to the ground. At the first alarm of fire the guard turned out and prevented the fire from spreading.

Private McSweeney and Private Brittan, members of Company G, have been discharged from the United States army because of disability. The boys were sorry to see them go.

Private Fayce, of Company I, has been sentenced to serve five years at hard labor and to forfeit all pay due him during his confinement. He is to be confined at Columbus Barracks, N. Y. He was found guilty of engaging in an assault on the night of July 4.

Private Joseph Sybold, of Company G, has visited the famous "Sunder Road" several times. He is taking notes and expects to write an extensive description of the battlefield.

Privates Darby and Summers have been promoted to the rank of corporals in Company G.

Private James Smith wishes that the report saying he was found asleep at his post and was confined in the guard house be denied. Jim has never been asleep at his post and is one of the most wide-awake men in the company. B. H.

WILL THE TIGER GROWL?

Ma . . . of P.'s will Take the "Dokkie" Degree Friday August 5.

One week from next Friday night Dahna Temple No. 64, D. O. K. K., will hold another ceremonial session, and will outlook at present indicates that it will be the best ever held by the Pythian side degree in West Virginia. There are already twenty applicants filed with Secretary Benj. F. Higgings, and each day's mail brings more from prominent members of the Knights of Pythias not only from Wheeling, but from Wellsburg, Benwood, Sistersville, Moundsville and other towns in the first district which covers Dahna Temple's territory.

The committee having the arrangements in hand has left nothing undone to make the occasion a memorable one. The programme as arranged so far will be as follows: The "Dokkie" will assemble at Pythian Castle at 7 o'clock p. m. on Friday, August 5, in full costume and headed by Meister's band, will move through the principal streets, returning to the castle where the fun will reign supreme until "further orders." As a fit finish, a splendid banquet will be spread in the auditorium, to which all members of Dahna and visiting temples will be invited.

Members of this rank of the order will be present from Pittsburgh, Fairmont, Charleston and St. Clairsville, and if the present plans carry, Pittsburgh's Temple will come down in a body.

This will be the last opportunity for members of the order to join the "Dokkie" before the trip to Indianapolis, (August 31), and as there are banquets and excursions galore arranged for all the good and aspected Arabs during the week of the Supreme Encampment, it is natural that all who intend going should want to get into the "band wagon" and be ready when the band begins to play. Many new and novel features have been arranged for the parade.

THE receivers of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad have turned their attention to the improvement of the grades on the third division from Cumberland to Grafton, or rather that portion which lays between Altamont, the top of the seventeen-mile grade, and Terra Alta, where the Cranberry grade begins to descend. The line passes through Deer Park and Oakland and crosses what is known as the "Glades" of the Allegheny Mountains. The grade being short and choppy, some of them being eighty to eighty-five feet to the mile. One of the first pieces of work to be done is now in progress at No. 53 Cut, where the grade is being reduced from eighty-one feet to forty-two and one-half feet per mile, with equations for curvature. It is expected that the cutting down of this grade will enable the receivers to increase the train load from 1,000 tons to 1,300 tons on east-bound trains. One mile of the roadway will be lowered and it is expected that the work will be completed by the middle of October.

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KUNKLE—On Sunday, July 24, 1898, at 4:30 o'clock a. m., ALBERT, infant son of A. W. and Blanche Kunkle, aged 5 months.

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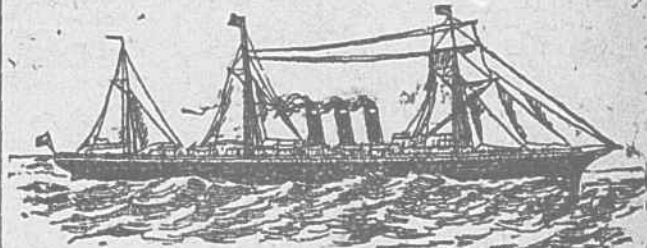
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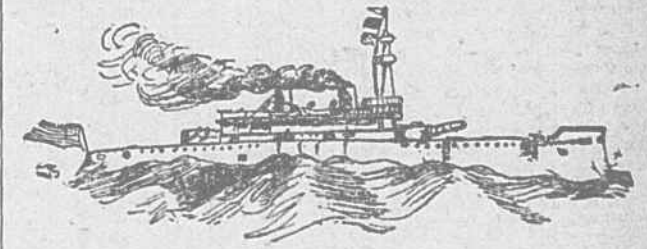
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